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Claims 1 and 14, from which claims 2-13 and 15-26 depend, recite, "determining whether the connection along the original connection must be torn down," and "if the connection along the original connection must be torn down...switching the connection to the alternate connection." With respect to the above-quoted subject matter, the Office Action relies on column 5, lines 22-29 of Soncodi.

Soncodi discloses clearing the old route after a new route is established. However, Soncodi does not disclose, teach or suggest determining whether the connection "must" be torn down (i.e.) "cleared." Thus, Soncodi also does not disclose, teach or suggest an action that occurred if the above determination is made.

So fails to overcome the deficiencies in Soncodi described above.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1-26 as allegedly being unpatentable over Soncodi in view of So be withdrawn.

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

While we believe that the instant Request places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the attorney listed below at the telephone number listed below in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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